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CHANGE OF CONTROL SLIDES UP RAIL TO WIN THURSDAY FEATURE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, May 28, 2020) – Roddy Harrison’s **Change of Control** slid up the inside rail to collar eight-time stakes winner **Morticia** with a sixteenth of a mile to run and held off late runs by **Midnight Fantasy** and **Miss Gossip (IRE)** to win Thursday’s \$76,814 feature race at Churchill Downs by three-quarters of a length.

Trained by **Michelle Lovell** and ridden by **Colby Hernandez**, Change of Control ran five furlongs over a firm Matt Winn Turf Course in :56.37.

Morticia, the classy 6-year-old mare who was making her first start since a runner-up effort in the Franklin County (Grade III) at Keeneland last October, was fresh off the layoff and led the field of nine fillies and mares through early fractions of a :22.09 and :44.46. Change of Control rated in fourth for most of the way before a patient Hernandez waited for room to open along the inside.

Morticia finished fourth and **Girl Knows Best**, the 8-5 favorite after a recent stakes win at Gulfstream Park, was sixth.

“This was a tough, tough race when entries came out,” Lovell said. “There were a lot of talented fillies and mares in this field and Colby gave her a perfect ride getting through on the rail.”

Change of Control, a 4-year-old daughter of Fed Biz, paid \$38.80 and the \$50,596 winner’s share of the purse pushed her career earnings to \$245,633 from a record of 4-4-2 in 16 starts.

“We are so excited about this filly,” Lovell said. “She gave us an awesome stakes win last year at Churchill (in the \$100,000 Mamzelle) and tries so hard every time she runs.”

Betting at Churchill Downs on Thursday’s 10-race card totaled \$8,636,412.

Racing returns Friday with a nine-race card topped by a trio of allowance races, including a stout seven-furlong sprint for 3-year-olds and up that goes as Race 7. A talented overflow field of 12 will go to post, including 4-year-old **Hog Creek Hustle** who won last year’s \$400,000 Woody Stephens (GI) on the Belmont Stakes undercard.

Friday’s card will include a \$7,449 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot and a \$44,804 carryover in the \$1 Super Hi-5 for the final race of the day. The Friday action will air on **FS2** from 12:30-2:20 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. as part of FOX Sports’ “America’s Day at the Races” coverage. It also will be broadcast on **FOX Sports Ohio** from 2-5:30 p.m.

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